

Amendments to the Abstract are as follows:

~~The invention provides a camera for monitoring using power line communication, and transmitting the state of a monitoring area during power stoppage to a master set after the power stoppage is restored even when the supply of electric power is interrupted by the power stoppage.~~

A power monitoring section detects the interruption of AC electric power from athe power line, and switches operating power within athe camera to power from a secondary battery. A control section sets ~~the entire~~ control of the camera to a different mode at the power stopping time. The operation ~~of a picture section~~ is controlled ~~so as to pick-up one static image~~ at every constant time intervals, and the ~~picture section~~ sequentially stores the ~~picked-up~~ static image to a data storage section. A voice section stops ~~an operation for collecting a sounds~~. The control section stops communication with a master set. When the AC electric power is ~~restored from the power line~~, the operating power is switched to the electric power from the power line. When a user utilizing the master set knows the restoration of the power, the user gives commands for reading image information stored during the power stoppage to the camera ~~for monitoring~~, and monitors the state during the interruption of the AC electric power ~~retroactively to the past~~.